

The rejected claims have been amended to distinguish over the art cited by the examiner in support of the obviousness rejection. Specifically, claim 9 has been amended to recite that the weigh bin is "positioned within" the frame below the hopper and that the means for sensing weight of material in the weigh bin are "mounted in a load cell box" which is connected to the frame "laterally adjacent to the weigh bin" and in position for "canterleverlingly supporting said weigh bin". This surely cannot be said of the Una-Dyn reference cited by the examiner in support of the rejection; the Una-Dyn reference involves load cells positioned outboard and above the frame, not in load cell boxes connected to the frame and certainly cannot be characterized as "canterleverlingly supporting said weigh bin" as recited in amended claim 9.

Applicant respectfully submits the foregoing distinguishes claim 9 from the prior art applied by the examiner in making the rejection and that claim 9 is now in form for allowance. Notification of the same as respects claim 9 and the claims depending therefrom is respectfully solicited.

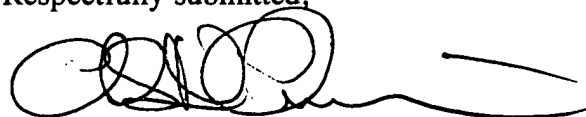
Regarding claim 1 an amendment has been added to recite that the material storage hopper removably mounted on the frame includes means "within the hopper" and proximate to the hopper bottom for selectively dispensing material within the hopper into the housing. This is not believed disclosed in the Una-Dyn apparatus cited by the examiner in support of the rejection. The Una-Dyn apparatus appears to include slide gates positioned at the top of the frame, outside of and below the hopper, to control dispensing of granular material downwardly out of the hopper.

Accordingly, claim 1 is believed to be allowable over the prior art and notification of the same is respectfully solicited.

Conclusion

Applicant respectfully submits that when the application is reconsidered in light of the foregoing the application will be found to be in form for allowance. Notification of the same is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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